

St John United Church of Christ

July 2019

"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"



GOD AND THE CONSTITUTION (WITH MATERIAL FROM ADHERENTS.COM)

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our nation on July 4th, we should remember the important role religion played in the creation of our Independence Documents.



PASTOR'S
MESSAGE

— Pastor Sandy Kolar

In 1787, 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention gathered in the city of Philadelphia to debate the foundational document for the US. Despite individual differences, these men professed a belief in God as the Creator of the universe and believed that religion encouraged a moral citizenry, which they deemed essential to the success of the new republic. Yet they were keenly aware that European history demonstrated the power of religion to spawn sectarian strife and violence.

By time of the convention, the Founding Fathers and "ordinary" Americans subscribed to the idea of religious liberty. This was not an abstract principle but a vital, living concept influenced by multiple sources including ... the experience of religious dissenters who resisted the authority of established churches; and the religious revival known as the Great Awakening (led by Congregational minister Jonathan Edwards) that stressed individual experience. The concept of religious liberty was coupled with a corollary principle: The state must have no power to establish a church or to impose religious conformity.

As we celebrate our freedom, let's take a minute to remember and thank our forefathers for the religious freedom we enjoy today.





Children's Ministry

— by Robin Turpin

The Children's Church column returns next month. Check back then with more pictures and activities.

Our Garden Grows

All the planning, planting, weeding, watering is blooming. Thank you to all those who helped make our front garden beds beautiful. More photos to come as the spring rains bring more summer flowers.



Apple Tree Campaign

— by Sue Jacobs

It's that time of year again! Kids in the area may need assistance with school supplies. You can help.

Palatine Township is collecting needed items for distribution in early August. Supplies can be dropped off at the township office during regular business hours during the month of July. Items can also be brought to church until Sunday 8/4/19. Or, if you prefer, a monetary donation can be made to the township.

The list of requested items will be in the church Narthex along with info on writing a check in support of the campaign. Sue Jacobs will coordinate this effort and deliver items collected at church to the Township offices. See her if you have any questions.

The township will need volunteers for the distribution of the collected items as well, if you are interested.



— by Sue Jacobs

The church council met Thursday, 6/20. Present were Jared Cooley, Lori Neumann, Sue Jacobs, and Pastor Sandy. The meeting started at 7PM and ended at 8PM.

Items discussed:

The ongoing TPIRC meetings that Pastor Sandy will be attending regarding church member engagement.

A ladies' prayer group has asked to use the building on Friday evenings.

An ongoing issue with our bank erroneously paying checks from our account to an unknown company that we did not generate payment requests for.

Our lawn mower is out of service and Gary is out of town. Colin has been doing the mowing and has picked up extra duties in that regard while Gary is on vacation. We discussed hiring a landscaping service to take over when Colin leaves for college - soon. This will be instead of maintaining our own equipment. We are getting an estimate to repair our mower in the meantime.

(AND thank-you Colin for a job well done!)

The logistics for the kitchen remodeling project with concurrent use of fellowship hall for coffee hour and the collection of Flea Market donations.

We are making efforts to gain access to the parsonage for a professional assessment of work to be done there.

LOOKING FOR SOME FOURTH OF JULY FUN?

JOIN ST PAUL CHURCH FOR THEIR PICNIC



St Paul's Picnic/Fireworks invite

We have kindly received an invite to St Paul's Church Picnic. Below is all the info from Debbie at St Paul. Please respond directly to Debbie if you will attend. **RSVP is required and needs to be done by Tuesday July 2.** Sue Jacobs will be car pooling from St John. Let her know if you will be meeting her at St John.

"Since St Paul is in very close proximity to the fireworks, we do hold a church picnic in conjunction with the fireworks day. "

Pot luck picnic

Chicken, ice tea, lemonade, ice cream and picnic supplies are provided. Church members sign up for potluck donations for sharing amongst all.

Cost is Adult through 12 y/o = \$5.00

3 y/o through 11 y/o is \$3.00

Under 3 y/o is free

Members are asked to bring their own chairs/blanket for seating outside comfortably and if they choose another beverage – soda, wine, beer etc.

Parking

This week-end is also a major fundraiser for our church and we do use our large parking lot for this purpose of selling parking spaces to the public. We would appreciate if anyone wishes to attend from St. John's that they consider car pooling as much as possible. We will not charge St. John's members for parking.

RSVP/Money

Debbie will need to have rsvp's no later than Tuesday July 2nd in order to secure enough food as well as ensure reserved parking spaces. They can either call her at 630-485-8025, or email at Debbiejeverett53@gmail.com or contact the church office between the hours of 9:00 and 2:00 Monday, Wednesday-Friday at 847-358-0399.

Money can be brought with the members at the picnic.

<http://www.stpaul-ucc.org>

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January

February

February 10 Annual Meeting postponed

February 14 Valentine's Day ♥

March

March 2, 4:00 pm Chili Cook-off

Laura and Greg – Chairpersons

March 4th 6:00 pm Feed My Starving Children

March 6, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

March 10 Daylight Saving Time – Spring ahead!

March 16 St Patrick's Day Parade – Palatine

Pastor Sandy Chairperson

Parade kicks off 11:00 am

March 31 Annual Meeting - After worship

April

April 6 9:00 am Church Grounds Cleanup

April 14 Palm Sunday 10:30 am

April 18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Potluck Soup/Salad Service

April 19 Good Friday

Open for prayer, Noon – 3:00 pm

April 21 Easter

Easter breakfast 9:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am

Easter Worship Service 10:30 am

May

May 11 Flower Sale 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Committee: Jody Moody, Laurie Biesterfeld, Ellen Kayler, Dodie Kayler, , and Judy Hartfelder, Ginny Lint, Paula Kayler

May 15 Women's Guild Luncheon -11:30 am

June

June TBD Semi-Annual Meeting after service

June TBD Palatine Jaycees Hometown Parade

July ★★☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

July 6th Palatine Independence Day Parade

For more info on walking in the parade contact Pastor Sandy.

Donate hard candy and fun treats for the kids on the parade route.

September

September 21 Craft Fair/Flea Market

Committee: Jody Moody, Jenny Cooley,

Robin Turpin

October

October 19 Ham Supper Third Saturday of the month. 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm seatings

October 27th Totenfest

November

November 3 Daylight Saving Time ends - fall back.

November 24 – 4:00 pm Turkey Hymn Sing

November TBD Hanging of the Greens

December

Monday – December 24th Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:00 pm

Quiet Meditation Prayer

6:30 pm - 9 pm the last **Wednesday** of each month
St John Church is open for anyone to come and sit in silent prayer during the evenings of the last Wednesday of each month. You are invited to this peaceful moment and breathe in the voice of God. Come for a few minutes or stay awhile.

St John

United Church of Christ



Staff & Community

Pastor – Sandy Kolar

Communications Director – Laura D'Argo

Cemetery Caretaker – Gary Hartfelder

Council

President – Jared Cooley

Treasurer – Sue Jacobs

Clerk/Trustee – Lori Neumann

Member – Gary Hartfelder

Children's Church

Robin Turpin

Lori Neumann

Wedding Coordinators

Jody Moody

Laurie Biesterfeld

FAITH IN ACTION

We partner with the Palatine Food Pantry. The last Sunday of *each* month food items are collected and Sue Jacobs drops them off at the Palatine Township Food Pantry.

Keep in mind they are always in need of baby care items, such as diapers, and baby wipes. – Thank you to all who gave.

Women's Guild

Officers

Acting President

Sandy Stoops

Treasurer

Dodie Kayler

Accounts

Dodie Kayler

Secretary

Adeline Lint

No Meetings

January & February

Meetings at St John Church

March 6th – 10:30 am

May 1st – 10:30 am

July 10th – 10:30 am

September 11th – 10:30 am

November 6th – 10:30 am

December – TBD

Church Info you need to know

Services Sunday 10:30 am – All Year

Children's Church every Sunday, following the Children's Message

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Enjoy refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall after worship. When able please bring a dish to share.

Pastor Sandy

PastorSandy500@gmail.com

Please email her to make an appointment.

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Keep our Church in prayer.



Last Sunday of the Month

- Communion
- Food Pantry donation



ACTION BOX

Make use of our "ACTION BOX". Make a helpful suggestion, suggest a solution or an idea. We want to hear from you.

Kudos are also accepted.

Our Paypal Donate button is under construction.

Thank you for your Patience